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THIS MESSAGE HAS 14 PAGES INCLUDING THIS SHEETTO: Commissioner for PatentsFAX NO.: 703-872-9319FROM: Raymond R. Moser, Jr., Esq.DATE: September 15, 2003MATTER: Serial No. 08/825,360 Filed: March 28, 1997DOCKET NO.: 761/P7US/CVDAPPLICANT: Liao, et al.

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☐ Petition
☐ Disclosure Statement & PTO-1449
☐ Priority Document
☐ Drawings (sheets) informal
☒ Amendment (9 pages)

☒ RCE Transmittal Letter (2 copies)
☒ Fee Transmittal (2 copies)
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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	08/825,360
Filing Date	March 28, 1997
Examiner Name	Tuan Quach
First Named Inventor	Liao, et al.
Group Art Unit	2814
Attorney Docket Number	761/PTUS/CVD

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.
NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) Instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
 (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

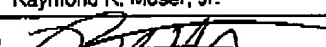
- a. ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 20-0782
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☒ Other Fee Transmittal
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Signature		Date	September 15, 2003

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**FEE TRANSMITTAL
for FY 2003**

Effective 01/01/2003. Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

☐ Applicant Claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27**TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT** (\$) 2,720**Complete if Known**

Application Number	08/625,360
Filing Date	March 28, 1997
First Named Inventor	Liao, et al
Examiner Name	Tuan Quach
Group / Art Unit	2814
Attorney Docket No.	781/PTUS/CVD

METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)

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Deposit Account Name: Moser, Patterson & Sheridan, LLP

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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Fee Code	Entity (\$)	Small Fee Code	Entity (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1001	750	2001	375	Utility filing fee	
1002	330	2002	165	Design filing fee	
1003	520	2003	260	Plant filing fee	
1004	750	2004	375	Reissue filing fee	
1005	160	2005	80	Provisional filing fee	
SUBTOTAL (1)					(\$) 0

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims	Entity	Small	Entity	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
27	-53	**	=	0	X 18	= 0
3	-3	**	=	0	X 84	= 0
					X	= 0

Multiple Dependent

Large Fee Code	Entity (\$)	Small Fee Code	Entity (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1202	18	2202	9	Claims in excess of 20	
1201	84	2201	42	Independent claims in excess of 3	
1203	280	2203	140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid	
1204	84	2204	42	** Release independent claims over original patent	
1205	18	2205	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent	
SUBTOTAL (2)					(\$) 0

*or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see above

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Fee Code	Entity (\$)	Small Fee Code	Entity (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1051	130	2051	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052	50	2052	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification	
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for reexamination	
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252	410	2252	205	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	930	2253	465	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,450	2254	725	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	1,970	2255	985	Extension for reply within fifth month	1,970
1401	320	2401	160	Notice of Appeal	
1402	320	2402	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	280	2403	140	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	2451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavailability	
1453	1,300	2453	650	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501	1,300	2501	650	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502	470	2502	235	Design issue fee	
1503	630	2503	315	Plant issue fee	
1460	130	1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807	50	1807	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17 (q)	
1806	180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Sheet	
8021	40	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809	750	2809	375	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
1810	750	2810	375	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
1801	750	2801	375	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	750
1802	900	1802	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	
Other fee (specify) _____					
*Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid					
SUBTOTAL (3)					(\$) 2,720

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IN THE UNITED STATES
PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Liao et al

Case: 761/P7US/CVD

Serial No.: 08/825,360

Filed: March 28, 1997

Examiner: Tuan Quach

Group Art Unit: 2814

Title: **AN INTERCONNECT STRUCTURE
FOR USE IN AN INTEGRATED CIRCUIT**

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AMENDMENT

In response to the Final Official Action dated August 13, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

This paper includes (each beginning on a separate sheet):

1. Amendment to the Claims; and
2. Remarks and Discussion of Issues.

A Notice of Appeal with a three months extension of time fee was filed on February 13, 2003. A five-month extension of time fee is herein included to extend the time for this response to and including September 15, 2003 (September 13, 2003 falling on a Saturday). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782 for fees required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

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